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Term 3 Week 4

Principal's Report

Thursday: NAIDOC Day (Out of uniform)

As we celebrate NAIDOC Day at Floraville Public School tomorrow, students are invited to come out of uniform, dressed in the colours of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags. Students will engage with a variety of activities throughout the day, celebrating the rich cultural traditions of Australia's indigenous peoples. Local community elder, Nolan Simon, will join us for the day, visiting student groups as they move around the school. There are no costs associated with the day.

Canteen Goes Bananas

The canteen has *gone bananas* this week with a new healthy food campaign, in association with Fresh for Kids <http://www.freshforkids.com.au/>. Every time students purchase a healthy item from the canteen, they receive a token sticker, which can be placed on the entry form. Once students have collected two token stickers, they return the completed entry form to the canteen where they receive a *Fresh for Kids* pencil and eraser. After the campaign has concluded, all entry forms will be returned to Sydney Markets where they are eligible to enter the draw to win major prizes (see website). Such has been the response to the promotion that the canteen have already had to order additional pencils and stickers, with extra trips to the supermarket to collect fresh produce. Healthy items include:

- Fresh fruit
- Carrot and celery sticks
- Salad tubs
- Salad wraps and sandwiches



Coming Up: Two Big Weeks

In the month of August, we look forward to two big events on the school calendar. A number of activities are planned as the school recognises Science Week <http://www.scienceweek.net.au/> for 2016 (13–21 August), with a note sent home providing further details. Families are also advised to record the date for the upcoming Book Week and Grandparent's Day, with a Book Parade planned for Wednesday 31 August. Students are already talking about what costume they'd like to wear.

Student Attendance: Absence Notes

Students are encouraged to attend school every day of the year. While absence is understandable for illness, a strong pattern of attendance supports the achievement of strong academic outcomes. When a child is absent from school, the parent or carer is required to provide an explanation within 7 days. This requirement aligns with the Education Act (1990) and related Child Protection policies. When an explanation is not received, the school is required to request an explanation. Occasionally, this request is sent out to families even though the explanation has already been received. Sometimes this is due to the timing of the written explanation, sometimes it is due to the reconciliation process for the school rolls and the School App, and sometimes the letter of explanation is sitting at the bottom of the child's bag. If you receive a written request for explanation of absence, when you have already provided one, please record this on the bottom of the note and return it to the school. I apologise where this has caused inconvenience.

Public Speaking and Debating

Congratulations to the students who presented speeches at the school finals on Monday. I was very impressed with the quality across the school and the confident, engaging manner with which students addressed the audience. A winner from each grade will represent the school at the zone finals in the coming weeks. Best of luck to our school debating teams whose public speaking skills will be put to the test in the Premier's Debating Challenge today. Public speaking is an important part of the school curriculum.



Tell Them From Me student survey

This term, students in years 4, 5 and 6, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. More information is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Conducted online, the survey takes less than 30 minutes and is completely confidential – students do not even enter their name. To be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October, participation is entirely voluntary.

A consent form is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 19 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.



Nationally Consistent Disability Data Collection

Our school is once again participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. Students to be included in the data collection are those who have been identified and meet the definition of disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, and are provided with an adjustment to their learning or environment.

The data collection will have no direct impact on our students and they will not be involved in any testing process. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students. Data will be collated in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

If you **do not** wish for your child to be counted in the data collection please notify the school office by 17 August.

Finally

This bumper-edition of the Bulletin includes details of a variety of student achievements – we have such talented students at Floraville Public School. I would just like to note the tremendous success of the school aerobics teams who returned from the National Championships in Queensland over the weekend – well done, girls. Congratulations also to the boys' basketball team on their impressive achievement. Have a great week!

Simon Mulready
Principal



This week's virtue is **PERSERVERANCE**

Perseverance is being steadfast and persistent. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles, no matter how long it takes. When you persevere, you don't give up...you keep going. Like a strong ship in a storm, you don't become battered or blown off course. You just ride the waves.

Term Calendar

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 4

- 11/08 – NAIDOC Day
- 11/08 – Infants Assembly 2.20pm
- 12/08 – Year 2 Excursion 9am
- 12/08 – Primary Assembly 10.15am

Week 5

- 15/08 – Boys Basketball Hunter Final 9am
- 15/08 – Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking Final
- 15/08 – Stage 2 Spelling Bee Finals 11.30am
- 15/08 – Stage 3 Spelling Bee Finals 12.30pm
- 16/08 – ICAS Maths
- 16/08 – Stage 2 Zone Public Speaking Final
- 17/08 – Science Day
- 17/08 – ES1 Zone Public Speaking Final
- 17/08-18/8 – Zone Athletics
- 19/08 – Stage 1 Zone Public Speaking Final

Week 6

- 22/08 – Whole School Assembly 2.20pm
- 23/08 – Kinder Parent Information Night 7pm
- 24/08 – Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
- 25/08 – Infants Assembly 2.20pm
- 26/08 – Primary Assembly 10.15am

Week 7

- 31/08 – Book Parade/Book Fair/Grandparents Day
- 01/09 – Father's Day Stall

REMINDER OF MONEY DUE

- Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp balance due 13/10 - \$162
- **Year 4 Morisset Camp Overdue Deposit to be paid by 12/08**
- Band Fees
- Aerobics Term 3 - \$12

News from the Office

Office Hours 8.30am to 3.15pm

Please make sure you have the correct money when paying for activities or excursions. Please note we now have parent online payments through the school's website as well as eftpos at the office.

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

Well done to those students who qualified to represent Floraville at the PSSA Zone Athletics carnival at Baxter Field (Findon St, Marks Point) on DAY 1- Wednesday 17th August and DAY 2- Thursday 18th August at 8.45am. Student will need sunscreen, hat, refillable drink bottles and be in full sports uniform, no unnecessary jewellery, spikes are ONLY permitted to be worn in the 100m, 200m, long jump and high jump. They cannot be worn in the 800m or relays. Floraville students will also be required to race in the Floraville athletics singlet handed out each day by Miss Leedham. The canteen will be operating on the day however I would suggest that athletes pack healthy snacks and/or lunch. All payments for the carnival need to be made at the front office by the end of the day on Friday 12th August 2016. If a student has not returned their note or not paid by Friday they will not be allowed to attend the carnival. **There will be no late payment allowed after Friday 12th August 2016.** Thank you for your co-operation, it makes a big difference.

Aerobics

Huge congratulations to our school aerobics teams for their wonderful participation and results at the national competition in Brisbane. Their coach, Nicole Maslowski, was so impressed with the girls' dedication, support and efforts they displayed in their routines. What an outstanding achievement to have made it to that level! We are so very proud of you. Many thanks to our amazing coach, Nicole, and to our wonderful supportive parents who made the effort to travel to the Gold Coast.

Miss O'Friel & Miss Brindley

Adrenalin



Elli & Tara



PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day

On Thursday 4th August, our boys and girls basketball teams travelled to Broadmeadow Stadium to play in the PSSA Basketball Knockout Gala Day. Both teams played well with a true sense of sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the girls lost 2 and won 1 game against the formidable Valentine, Eleebana and Belair Public Schools. Being netball players, the Year 6 girls had to learn the rules and strategies for the fast-paced game which they did to secure a win in the third game. Well done, girls. You represented your school proudly and had a lot of fun in the process! The girls' team consisted of:

Lara Moore, Alana Bradshaw, Billie Richardson, Keely Halls, Aleisha Brewster, Libby Cornwall, Jarna Vico, Ava Traynor, Ebony McCloughan and Riley Gardner.

The boys, coached by Jamie Summers, won all 4 of their games and earned the title 'Hunter A' area champions. This puts them into a Hunter Area Final against Nulkaba PS next Monday for the title of Hunter Champions which Floraville last achieved in 2013. They were successful against Valentine PS (21–15) Rathmines (18-14) and Eleebana PS (22–11) which were all hard-fought games. The grand final on the main court against Belair PS was a tough match. Floraville took an early lead and they scrambled to maintain it whenever Belair fought back, winning 29–18 in the end. The boys' team consisted of: Joey Summers, Charlie Lentfer, Darby Jones, Luke Redding, Riley Kitching, Alec Piper, Will Snushall, Bailey Blennerhassett, Jake Roseby, Jacob Mostyn, Zachary Towers, Zac Shaw and Raphael Rickards. There were some amazing goals scored by the boys and they played with flair and the Floraville spirit! I'd like to thank Mrs Sharnnah Summers and Mrs Lee-Anne Lentfer for scoring the girls' and the boys' games as the day couldn't have run without your help.

Good luck next week, boys!!



PSSA State Softball Knockout

The State Knockout softball team recently had an early morning match against Caves Beach after bypassing Belmont PS in round 1. The boys have been training for this game for months and were eagerly looking forward to their first competitive softball effort as a team.

Caves Beach got off to a flying start getting several home runs in the first innings and despite showing a fighting spirit and some excellent skills, our boys couldn't make up the first innings deficit. A highlight was an exciting double-play in our second fielding innings, something that we had been training for.

Our team captain, Lachlan M kept the team motivated throughout the match and was quoted as saying, "We gave our best out there and I am really proud of our achievements. For most of the boys playing their first game, it was really exciting!"

Excellent sportsmanship and a great attitude are typical of students representing Floraville. This was not missed by the Caves Beach coach, who was very complimentary of the team's conduct.

Thanks to the small but vocal crowd of parents and onlookers for your transport, support and your commitment to before school training. We hope to build upon this for next year's knockout.

Mr G. Barnett



Library News**Literacy Pro Reading Award**

Congratulations to Seth Diver who received the Literacy Pro Reading Award at Monday's assembly.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Jarrah Locking KG, Eden McNamee 1H, Hollie Purcell 2J, Bella Ciarrocchi 3L, Connor Halpin 4C and Matthew Whelan 6P who have recently completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This brings the total number of Floraville P. S. students who have completed the challenge to 55.

Note: The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on 19th August.

Book Week/Grandparent's Celebration – Coming Soon

We will be holding our annual Book Week and Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 31st August (Term 3 Week 7).

If you'd like to start thinking about a costume, you could consider using this year's official theme, 'Australia: Story Country' or simply a character from a book. More information will be given as the date gets closer.

Kindergarten 2017

The first orientation session for parents of children starting Kindergarten in 2017 will be held on Tuesday 23rd August at 7pm in the school hall. Come along and find out about the programs our school offers. Learn about Program Achieve, L3 and Jolly Phonics. Meet the experienced staff and become familiar with some of our school routines. This will enable you to help your child have a successful transition to school. Tea and coffee will be available and staff will be able to answer all of your questions. If you haven't already enrolled your child please see the office ASAP.

Jenny Barclay

Canberra Excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Floraville deducted this from the initial cost of the excursion.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their educational excursion and gained a wealth of information and memories.

Kids Matter

Resilience is the ability to cope or adapt after a difficult situation or a setback. Children need to be taught skills in resilience if they are to 'bounce back'. Pscyh Central is an independent mental health social network overseen by professionals. The site below lists some great ways you can help your child become empowered to face life's challenges.

<http://psychcentral.com/lib/10-tips-for-raising-resilient-kids/>

Mrs Naszka Ballardie

Landcare, Vegetable and Bush Tucker Garden

Over the holidays a dedicated team of community members and teachers finished the vegetable and bush tucker garden. Junior Landcare has been busy planting vegetables in preparation for our opening ceremony in week 9. Please visit our garden and take a look at our journey over the past 2 years. It is safe to say in the words of Paul Kelly: From little things, big things grow!

Public Speaking 2016

At Floraville School, public speaking is highly valued and since the end of Term 2 all students have been participating in explicit lessons to develop their public speaking skills. Every student has had the opportunity to prepare and present their speech in their class competition. The class representatives then refined their speeches at school and took part in the Grade Finals that were held in the hall on Monday. The speeches were all of a high standard, presenting to the audience with confidence, humour and entertaining information. We are extremely proud of the efforts made by all of our students who took part in this competition as they have all developed their public speaking skills. Special congratulations must go to our grade winners for 2016.

Early Stage 1 – Oscar Roseby
Stage 1 Year 1 – Mikayla Suffell
Stage 1 Year 2 – Pranali Shukla
Stage 2 Year 3 – Bella Jones
Stage 2 Year 4 – Tobi Eeles
Stage 3 Year 5 – Zara Graham
Stage 3 Year 6 – Alana Bradshaw

These children now progress to the Zone Finals which will be held in Week 5. We wish our Floraville Stage representatives the best of luck in the Lake Macquarie Zone Competition.



Debating 2016

It is a busy time for our debaters who have been working both at home and at school during their lunch times on their pre-prepared debates. At the very end of Term 2, our Division 2 team presented outstanding arguments against Booragul. Jaylee, Konah, Riley and Alice won the debate arguing 'That primary schools should not have assessment tasks'. Congratulations, Team! Division 1 and Division 2 teams also have three debates coming up this week. It's going to be a big week for our debaters and we wish you all the best of luck!



Westpac Rescue Helicopter Base Station Excursion.

30 lucky Stage 2 students were among 250 Hunter students invited to visit the Hunter Region Westpac Rescue Helicopter Base Station. Established in 1975, the Rescue Helicopter is on call 24 hours a day and performs approximately 1,000 missions each year. The missions include attending accident sites and transferring people to hospitals, between hospital transfers, and search and rescue operations. We discovered that it costs approximately \$16 million a year to keep the crew and helicopters ready to respond. Students visited the flight simulator, the administration building, accommodation and operations office. We met some Pilots, Air Crew, and Paramedics. Students were able to sit inside 'Mildred' the helicopter and see the new (only 3 week- old), \$16 million Italian-made AgustaWestland AW139 Helicopter.

Mrs Naszka Ballardie



Sitting inside "Mildred"



The new AW139 Helicopter



As an added bonus as part of the excursion the students also experienced a coaching session with Matt Soper-Lawler, a reserve grade player for the Knights.





SEASON 2016/17 REGISTRATION

DATE: MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2016
MONDAY 29TH AUGUST 2016
TIME: 4.00PM – 6.00PM
ADDRESS: 43 LAKE ROAD SWANSEA
REGO COST: T/20 BLAST - \$130
Under 11's - \$130
Under 12 to 18's - \$150
(no weekly fees)
New players need to bring copy of Birth Certificate.
Contact: Lorraine Anderson 0466 915 490

P&C NEWS

A reminder that all bookclub orders are due by tomorrow, 11th August.

The annual Father's Day stall has been set for Thursday 1st September, gifts will range from \$3–\$10. Cards will also be available for \$1.

Banking

School Banking is every Thursday

Uniform Shop

Open Wednesday 2.30-3.15pm

Canteen News

Special Olympic Games Lunch Orders are available

Coming up

Book Week Parade/Grandparents day – Wednesday 31st August

Roster

Thursday 11/8 – Renaye Dobb, Cher Blennerhassett, Naomi Loveday

Friday 12/8 – Erica Pedonese, Kristina Love, Lisa Booth

Monday 15/8 – Renae Picton, Michelle O'Toole, Alison Blanek

Tuesday 16/8 – Deb Shaw, Kay Gibson, Jen Miller

Wednesday 17/8 – Tash Treveton, Amanda Jackson, Sonia McCumiskey,
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